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## WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Mean Temperature—73.9 degrees.  
Maximum Temperature—76.1 degrees.  
Minimum Temperature—71.9 degrees.  
Barometer—29.95 at 3 p. m.  
Rainfall—.57 inches, up to 9 a. m.  
Moist Dew Point for the Day—63.9  
Mean Relative Humidity—72.

## WINDS.

North-northwest 3 to 1.  
Forecast for Today.  
Light winds and fair weather.

The Sunday Republican will consist of twelve pages. See that you get a complete paper when purchasing it.

Thursday seemed to be a red letter day for the board of health. What with blasts and counterblasts and the ever present Superintendent Reynolds of the Leper Settlement the board had a high old time.

If Judge Humphreys had only "crooked the pregnant hinges of the knee" to Thurston and the family compact ring he would be lauded to the skies. But as he has always defied them and denounced their corrupt practices they propose to damn him if they can. Too bad they could not have a few more brilliant attorneys on the bench in Hawaii.

The suggestion that the editor of the Star be requested to reduce the Star's charges against Superintendent Reynolds of the Leper Settlement to writing is about the silliest thing we have heard in some time. It has already been reduced to writing, and more, it has been reduced to printing and publication. A charge of this character is as public, certain and specific as it could be made and if Mr. Reynolds has been aggrieved he has recourse against that paper which it would no doubt welcome. The trouble with the gentleman is, as stated, that he has been sucking at the public teat so long he thinks he is a ruler instead of a servant of the people. The legislature will no doubt prescribe for him.

The management of the Hawaiian Opera House or of the Orpheum ought to try to make arrangements for the engagement here of the Alice Neilson Opera Company. Miss Neilson is generally recognized as one of the best light opera stars seen in the States in recent years, while her present company is away above the average, receiving the highest praise in Chicago, Denver, San Francisco and other western cities. No doubt a guarantee fund would be readily subscribed for a two or three weeks engagement of such a company as Miss Neilson's. Of course existing engagements would prevent securing her for several months, but it could be arranged for April or May without trouble. The Republican suggests that the local amusement managers see what they can do in the matter.

To anyone who has given the matter thought it is self-evident that the action of Sheriff Andrews of Hawaii in directing the police under him to knife the republican ticket, resulted in the defeat of Sam Parker. Parker would have carried his home island of Hawaii but for Andrews. Andrews as the special pet of Governor Dole was no doubt working under orders in knifing the republican ticket. One word from Governor Dole would have saved Parker's election. However bad pennies always return and in seeking the defeat of Loebenstein and the rest of the republican ticket on Hawaii, Governor Dole brought about the election of an independent legislature which promises to probe very deep into some of the transactions of the oligarchy and find out "if not, why not?"

"Self-government, new style, means a docile readiness to let the minority exploit the majority; and if the silly majority object, why, they must not be allowed to vote at all." So says the New York Evening Post in discussing the result of the recent election in Hawaii. If the Post had been discussing the question of municipal government for Honolulu it could not have hit the subject more pointedly than in the sentence quoted. That exactly expresses just what the Advertiser, which stands for the family compact and the ruling minority in this territory, stands for. The Advertiser has asserted repeatedly that the people of Honolulu were not fit to conduct a city government; that if such an experiment were tried we might have a repetition of Klu Klux days in the South, here in Hawaii, when a purse-proud minority would show the majority how they ought to be ruled. In fact they have shown them too well already, so well that the legislature proposes to find out from some of the present officials "Where did you get it?" At the same time they will enact municipal legislation for Honolulu which will enable the people of the city to have home rule and not be governed by an oligarchy which owes no allegiance to its masters, the people.

## JUDICIAL VIEW OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

Not much has been said locally about Platt's scheme for a state constabulary in New York since it was shown by this paper that every newspaper in New York City, regardless of politics, is fighting it. Not only are the papers in New York City fighting it but those of Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse, the other cities affected, are taking the same attitude on the bill. Corrupt as Tammany is known to be at times, it has worked to make New York the foremost city of the world, and despite many objectionable features of the government, it is far better to be ruled by men and a boss who can be gotten at by the people of the city than to be ruled by a cabal, headed by a state boss, whose headquarters will be at the state capitol, out of reach of the common people. Tammany's great strength lies in the fact that the district leaders are always accessible to the humblest citizen.

The Buffalo Express, one of the staunchest republican papers in New York State, is opposed to Platt's scheme, and in the course of its investigation has discovered that when Roscoe Conkling held the republican party of New York in the hollow of his hand and made and unmade congressmen and legislators in that state, that he endeavored to wipe out the municipal police force in the democratic city of Troy in 1871. Troy is in Rensselaer county, and a bill was passed "to establish the Rensselaer police district and to provide for the government thereof," which did away with the police department of the city of Troy and substituted a new one for a district that united with the city parts of adjoining towns, the whole to be under a board of three commissioners, appointed by the governor.

The people of Troy objected to this taking away of home rule of their city and they attacked the work of the legislature as being unconstitutional. It was finally passed upon by the court of appeals in 1873, that body being strongly republican, but even though republican in politics it was composed of men who were jurists first and politicians afterward. They pronounced the bill unconstitutional, every member of the court of seven judges concurring, save one, Justice Allen, one of the ablest men ever on the bench in the Empire State, wrote the decision, in which he held that usurpation of power or the exercise of power in disregard of the plain intent of the constitution cannot be sustained under the pretense of a liberal or enlightened interpretation, or in deference to the judgment of the legislature or some supposed necessity. The sound philosophy underlying this principle was thus expressed:

"The right of self-government lies at the foundation of our institutions, and cannot be disturbed or interfered with, even in respect to the smallest of the divisions into which the state is divided for governmental purposes, without weakening the entire foundation; and hence it is a right not only to be carefully guarded by every department of the government, but every infraction or evasion of it to be promptly met and condemned, especially by the courts, when such acts become the subject of judicial investigation."

What Justice Allen held as applicable to New York State in 1873 is equally applicable to Hawaii today. Municipal government for Honolulu is a necessity that must receive first attention from the legislature. The Republican again asserts without fear of successful contradiction that the so-called showing of municipal tax rates published in a morning contemporary includes state, county and school taxes, as well as municipal. There is no city in the United States having a purely municipal tax rate as high as those published in the table referred to. Cincinnati, for instance, was given as having a tax rate of \$2.82. It has a total tax rate of that amount, including the state, county, school and city taxes. In the state of Ohio all taxes are paid direct to the county treasurer and by him apportioned to the various purposes to which they belong, and later turned over to the state, city and township treasurers. When giving the tax rate of any city or county in Ohio it always includes the total of all the taxes collected for all purposes. The actual city tax rate of Cincinnati is less than \$1.50, and that includes the carrying of \$20,000,000 bonds for the Cincinnati Southern Railway, which is owned by the city. Besides the railway the city is just completing the construction of a new water system which cost \$7,000,000. But then misrepresentation is all right when done in the interest of preserving the control of affairs in Hawaii within the sacred precincts of the family compact.

It will now be in order for the Advertiser to claim that it had signals at Diamond Head that the Miner di- vorce was granted, alimony and all. Excuse "us" while "we" smile.

## White Labor in Hawaii.

From the Tacoma Ledger. There has been a theory, frequently advanced since the United States annexed Hawaii, that white men could not work in the islands. Upon what this theory was based has never been explained, and all experience acquired during the last few years has gone to disprove it. Missionaries who went to Hawaii a generation ago are there yet as planters, merchants or manufacturers. The white persons in their employ maintain as good health as they could have hoped for in their native land. Soldiers in Honolulu, subject to all the fatigue of drill, have found the place delightful and have left it with regret. Evidently the planters of Hawaii do not accept the theory, for they have begun the importation of white labor, including men, women and children. These laborers, gathered from the thickly populated part of Massachusetts, go under two-year contracts. The men are to receive \$22 per month for eight months of the year, and \$1.50 per day for the other four months. The women get from \$10 to \$15. Rent, water and fuel are to be furnished free. One wholesome effect of this movement will be to demonstrate that there is no occasion for depending upon the coolie, either from China or Japan, and that the exclusion of these classes from the islands would not work economic hardship. The people engaged to go are French Canadians and Portuguese. For the most part these do not make desirable residents for this country. The tendency of their presence is to bring down wages. Were it not for this there might be an objection advanced to their going, when to open a field to the negro labor that now seems inclined to desert the South would be an excellent thing. A race that for generations has wrought in the cotton and cane fields of Mississippi and Louisiana would be adapted to the toil of the Hawaiian plantations and an exodus thither might go far toward solving a vexing problem at home.

## These Want Statehood.

From the Salt Lake Tribune. The statehood convention in Indian Territory and Oklahoma will be called at South McAlisterville, December 10th. Each territory will be entitled to 300 delegates. This will be a larger convention than was ever held by either or both territories, and the men who are pushing the matter are determined that it shall put into motion such forces as will secure statehood at the earliest possible date.

## Bryan Unanimous Plus.

From the Tacoma News-Herald. A republican unanimity decidedly unique in the history of political elections in this country is reported from Batavia, Ill. One precinct gave its entire vote of 575 for McKinley. This is pretty good as a republican record, but it don't touch some of the precincts down South that gave their entire vote and a whole lot more to the democratic candidate.

Endorsed Bryan by Electing McKinley. From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The Atlanta Constitution declares that while McKinley has secured a second term the republicans should not take his victory as endorsing his policy. Of course not; when the people voted for McKinley they did so with the idea of endorsing the policy of Mr. Bryan.

Woman Suffrage in England. From the London Chronicle.

It is always difficult to persuade the woman rate payer that she has no vote, but a lady in widow's weeds who presented herself lately at one of the polling booths in a borough election had a very ingenious reason for claiming the suffrage, and was particularly reluctant to relinquish her claim. "I know I can't vote for myself," she said, indignantly, "but I'm here to vote for my late husband."

## HOW DID THE GOVERNOR VOTE?

To the Editor of The Republican: Sir:—Speaking of voting the straight ticket, the Governor voted in the same precinct that I did and while in line awaiting my turn to vote I timed the Governor to see how long it would take him to prepare his ballot, as he was in the booth while I was in line close by. It took him just seven and one-half minutes. Do you think a man of his intelligence and familiarity with the names of the candidates would require so long to vote a straight ticket? Very Respectfully, SCRATCHER.

Honolulu, H. T., Dec. 6, 1900.

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